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1. On 23 April 1952, a tractor was shipped by rail from Brand airfield, [redacted] (1) On 30 April, a flatcar with sideracks loaded with truck [redacted] arrived at Brand airfield. The truck had a box-like superstructure, two panes of glass in its rear door and, in its interior, a rack with long steel flasks. (2) On 30 April, three boxcars with empty crates were dispatched to [redacted] Buckau in the Burg district. (3) On the same day, two officers and about 45 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, arrived in Brand on the regular passenger train. On 2 May, nine boxcars with military goods, mostly furniture and crates, arrived in Brand coming from Oranienburg. (4)

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2. Between 28 April and 6 May, no flying by jet bombers was observed. Only one U-2 and one Yak-14 were in the air. (5) On 29 April, a twin-engine plane with radial engines, a single rudder assembly and cabin windows on its sides took off from the field. On 6 May, a number of jet bombers were parked in a row on the southern taxiway.

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3. On 30 April, four AA guns on wheels and covered with tarpaulins were observed in the southwestern corner of the field. The gun barrels pointed upward at an angle of about 45 degrees. Near the AA guns there were 10 to 15 trucks, which [redacted] belonged to the shipment which had arrived at the field on 7 April. (6)

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4. [redacted] two twin-engine planes which were stationed at the field only temporarily took off on 23 April and parachute jumps were made from these planes near the autobahn. Allegedly a parachute [redacted] was seriously injured. [redacted] a jet bomber allegedly crashed at the east edge of the field on 22 or 23 April. On 25 April, there was flying by jet bombers [redacted]

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5. Tank truck [redacted] were observed at the field [redacted]

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6. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 26 April, 15 jet bombers without auxiliary fuel tanks and 1 twin-engine commercial plane were observed at the field. The jet bombers were parked on the north edge of the southern taxiway in line with the flight control building. Three jet bombers were in the air. At 10:55 a.m., three type-27s without auxiliary fuel tanks took off. One plane headed west, while the other aircraft landed after a few minutes. No more flying was observed throughout the day. At 8 a.m. on 28 April, 17 jet bombers were parked near the flight control building. Between 9 and 10 a.m., there was no flying. About noon, a jet bomber landed at the field.
7. the field was occupied by about 1,000 men. The morale of troops was low because they were restricted to quarters and were not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages. Minor offenses resulted in confinements. a soldier who had allegedly deserted was brought back to the field by force.
8. Large scale excavation was in progress by German laborers north of the runway. Six new brick buildings were under construction at the east side of the billeting area. (7) Truck was used by patrols.
9. there was no flying on 5 May. Between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on 5 May, 18 jet bombers were observed at the field. There was no activity of any kind. On 6 May, there was no flying. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., work was being done on 18 jet bombers. Between 8 and 11 a.m. on 7 May, 14 individual take-offs were made. At 4 p.m., 16 jet bombers were parked on the dispersal area. firing was practiced at sleeve targets. Each plane allegedly attacked the target twice. At 7 p.m., 18 jet bombers were parked on the dispersal area.
10. The following take-offs and landings were made by jet aircraft on 9 May:
- 9 May:
- | Take-Off   | Landing         | Aircraft |
|------------|-----------------|----------|
| 9 a.m.     | about 9:30 a.m. | type-27  |
| 9:05 a.m.  | about 9:30 a.m. | type-27  |
|            | 10:45 a.m.      | type-30  |
| 10:50 a.m. | 11:05 a.m.      | type-30  |
| 11:10 a.m. | 11:25 a.m.      | type-30  |
| 11:30 a.m. | 11:45 a.m.      | type-30  |
| 11:50 a.m. | 12:05 p.m.      | type-30  |
- Between 10:45 a.m. and noon, three type-27 jet bombers were observed flying. At 2 p.m., 18 planes were counted on the dispersal area. The planes were parked in three groups 40 to 50 meters apart. All aircraft were type-27s. Between 6 and 11 a.m. on 10 May, there was no flying. Nineteen aircraft which were covered with tarpaulins were parked at the dispersal area. Seven jet bombers were parked west of the dispersal area.
11. Twelve to 15 fuel containers were not yet installed. Like the fuel tanks which were previously dug in these containers were also filled from tank cars by means of pumps and later emptied into tank trucks. (9)
12. On 7 April, a train of 40 cars loaded with SA guns arrived at the field. On 3 May, a boxcar arrived at the field, coming from Kreuzbruch. The car was being unloaded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 2 May, a train arrived coming from Volten.

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13. On 9 May, truck [redacted] mounting a searchlight and bearing the inscription "Searchlight trailer [redacted] arrived at the repair shop. Additional motor vehicles observed at the field included trucks [redacted] and tank trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
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14. Between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on 13 May, individual take offs were made. From 9 p.m. to midnight, there was intensive flying; the runway was apparently lighted in a make-shift way. Fourteen take-offs were made up to 9:50 p.m. Night flying was observed between 9 p.m. and midnight on 14 May. Between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 15 May, flying instruction was given in a type-30 jet bomber [redacted]. Between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., flying was practiced by type-27s [redacted]. The planes remained in the air for 150X1-HUM hours. Between 9 p.m. and midnight, there was again night flying. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 16 May, firing was practiced at a sleeve target which was towed by a type-27 plane. There was night flying between 9 p.m. and midnight. On 17 May, there was no flying. A heavy and a medium AA battery were emplaced at the field. (11) Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed. (12) 50X1-HUM
- (1) Comments. 50X1-HUM
- (2) This motor vehicle was repeatedly reported from Brand airfield as a radio truck. The purpose of the steel flasks in the vehicle is not known.
- (3) The empty crates which were returned to Buckau had carried ammunition to Brand airfield from the Buckau air force ammunition depot [redacted] on 22 and 29 April 1952. 50X1-HUM
- (4) The boxcar is believed to have carried equipment of the regiment from Oranienburg where the regiment was previously stationed.
- (5) The observation that there was no flying by jet bombers agrees with the information [redacted]. During the same period of observation, no air activity was conducted by any of the bomber and ground attack regiments at most of the fighter units. [redacted] this in-activity was possibly due to extensive May Day celebrations. 50X1-HUM
- (6) This information confirms the report [redacted]. The unit observed is a heavy AA unit which was transferred from Larchim to Brand on 7 April 1952. 50X1-HUM
- (7) These statements confirm previous information [redacted]. A taxiway with dispersal areas is under construction north of the runway. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (8) The aircraft of the regiment were probably in three squadrons. 50X1-HUM
- (9) The installation of fuel containers in the fuel dump in Jagen (forest subarea) 71 has been under way since the beginning of 1952. [redacted] According to previous reports, about 40 containers with a total capacity of about 1.5 million liters were observed. [redacted] all containers ex-10 were installed, it is possible that additional containers have arrived. 50X1-HUM
- (10) [redacted] It is possible that soldiers of this unit are engaged in special construction for the AA unit which recently arrived at the field. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (11) So far it is only known that heavy AA guns arrived at the field. It is possible that besides heavy AA guns medium AA guns also arrived on 7 April. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (12) The report generally confirms that Brand airfield is occupied by a jet bomber regiment which is equipped with 13 type-27 planes and 1 type-30 plane. 50X1-HUM

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